DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: They are so many that it is not possible to detail them at the present time.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: We want to know what they are because it is a matter of future policy.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Each case will be dealt on its merits.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know how the irrigation works can be done during monsoon months?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Breaches may have to be closed; locks may have to be built.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Is it not difficult to carry out such irrigation works during monsoon months?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Difficult to some extent.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Is there not a rule demanding half contributions from the ryots in respect of irrigation works and whether there is any delay in the matter of acquisition of lands?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Some difficulty is caused by the ryots. Necessary notifications have to be issued for the acquisition of lands and then only work will be proceeded with.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Have the Government done anything to remedy this defect?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: In the matter of 'grow more food campaign' some measures have been undertaken to remedy such defects.

Mofussil roads.

73. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that most of the roads in the mofussil are remaining unrepaired for the last half a decade and that there is serious discontent amongst the people of the State on that account?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether the road going from Mandapathum Kadavu to Mukunthura is in a cart worthy condition?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: At present I am not able to say that.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether the road which goes from Perumkadavila to Kunnathukal is in a cart worthy condition and whether that was not a road constructed during the epidemic of malaria when anti-malarial campaign was conducted?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I claim notice.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he has inspected any of the mofussil road after he has taken charge of the department?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have inspected quite a lot of them.

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MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Then may I know whether he is aware of the state of the roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Every month I am making about 2500 miles journey by road and have come across the condition of many of the roads.

MR. J. T. MORAIS: May I know the amount of money spent on improving the mofussil road in the State so far?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I claim notice.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: From the answer am I to take it that the Chief Engineer is not aware of the actual condition of the mofussil roads in the State?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The answer to the question does not at all give the inference that the Chief Engineer is not aware of the actual condition of the mofussil roads.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: When the answer is given as 'no' the inference is that most of the roads in the mofussil are not in good condition for the last half a decade and thus there is discontent amongst the people.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I know the condition of the mofussil road this year and I do not know the condition of the roads that existed half a decade ago. That alone could be the inference from the answer.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he is aware that the condition of the mofussil roads has deteriorated from the previous years?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not think so.

MR. V. I. IDICULLA (*Pathanamthitta*): പത്തനംതിട്ട താലൂക്കിലെ ഏതെങ്കിലും റോഡുകൾ ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have seen some roads.

MR. V. I. IDICULLA: റാന്നി — വെട്ടുകളം റോഡ് പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

MR. V. I. IDICULLA: പത്തനംതിട്ട — കൈയ്പട്ടൂർ റോഡ് പരിശോധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not remember to have seen it.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: In view of the statement of the Chief Engineer that he has not seen several important mofussil roads, may I ask him to revise the answer given to my question *viz.*, that there is serious discontent amongst the people of this State, on account of the fact that most of the roads in the mofussil are remaining unrepaired for the last half a decade.

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: All that the answer means is that I know the condition of mofussil roads this year. I do not know their condition in the previous years.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then may I take it that the Chief Engineer is not in a position to say what the condition of the several mofussil roads is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is not a correct view.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has taken the trouble to enquire into the condition of roads this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have got reports to show that the condition of mofussil roads this year has been examined.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has examined the condition of mofussil roads in North Travancore?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have seen some of them.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether he has seen the condition of all those roads and are they in good order?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Condition of some roads is good. Some roads are bad, and some indifferent.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know, when he visited those roads, and can he name them?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not carry the names of those roads in my memory.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he has not sent up the tour programme of his visit to those places to the members of the Legislature?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I ask the Chief Engineer whether he has not cancelled those programmes and intimated the fact to the members?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Chief Engineer had adhered to the tour programme after the cancellation of the same once and intimated the fact to the members of the legislature of the respective constituencies?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have informed them accordingly.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he will try to see that the amounts allotted to be spent on each road is expended that year itself at least in future?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is the aim of the department.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: May I know how the delay occurs in spending the amounts so ear-marked on a particular road and who is responsible for bringing about the difficulties in the matter of sanctioning the estimates etc.? May I ask the Chief Engineer to see whether he will be in a position to cure all these irregularities?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As a matter of fact I have been trying to rectify all the defects pointed out by the Honourable members of the Legislature.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know what is the fate of the allotment that is carried forward if it has not been spent within the three years period?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The policy of Government has not yet been decided on that matter.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he has visited the Parur-Alwaye road recently?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have not visited it within the last six months.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has visited certain important mofussil roads in the Mavelikara taluk?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: If the member could specify what the roads are I will enlighten him.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has visited the ryots roads on the Kunnattur-Mavelikara side?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have seen a few roads of that category.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Can the member name what they are?

Bridge over Atchencoil River.

74. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the advisability of having bridges at Arattukadavu, Mavelikara and Prayikara Kadavu, Mavelikara; and

(b) what the Government have done in respect thereof?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Yes, a bridge at Prayikara kadavu is considered sufficient.

(b) A design and an estimate for the bridge have been prepared.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know when was the estimate prepared?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About eight years ago. There are also other bridges on the same line and steps have to be taken to take up the work one after the other.

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